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The Angelus

The *Angelus* is meeting with favor among our people. We shall be glad to send samples free to schools not using the paper. Please give it a trial. If you would like a trial order for five or six weeks please write us and we will let you know what we can do. Every school in the brotherhood should use the paper. It will do good. In its new dress it is more attractive, and we feel sure will be favorably received by your people. Try it

Personal Mention

Sister Hedrick has engaged to preach for the congregation at Dayton, Va.

Two accessions are reported at New Enterprise, Ind., by Brother Hopkins.

Brother Shaver is gathering together the scattered forces in the "Old Dominion."

Brother Rensch's series of articles on the Lord's Supper continue with unabated interest.

Brother Koontz keeps the work going in his congregation. Another accession reported by him.

A call for missionary work from Wisconsin comes to the reader thru the EVANGELIST by Mrs. Williams.

Sister Ruby Teller contributes an excellent article to the columns of the young people's department

this issue. We trust she will write often. Both old and young will find her contribution interesting and helpful.

We are pleased to publish a communication from Sister Sprinkle, in this issue. Write again, sister, please.

Brother Talley is conducting a series of meetings at Astoria, Ill. He promises a report later. He expects to go to Brooklyn, Iowa, about May 20.

We are indebted to Brother Hamilton, Carmine, Utah, for an interesting letter touching the customs, forms of worship, etc., of the Mormons. Thanks.

Brother Thomas Gibson, Rosedale, Calif., has our thanks for a very encouraging letter. He was especially pleased with the article, "Is it Wrong to Attend the Dancing School?"

A letter from brother John Keim, president of the Board of Trustees of Ashland College, announces that a meeting of the trustees has been called June 8th, Louisville, Ohio, in connection with the State Conference. The secretary, Brother Deffenbaugh, will notify the members of the Board.

A Philadelphia Item by Brother Cassel introduces to the brotherhood a lately arrived brother and minister. If the brother will have patience and prove himself worthy of the confidence of the Brethren church, there will be a large field for him, for the church is in need of such men. We shall be glad to have a contribution from him.

On another page will be found an announcement by Sister McKinley, Meyersdale, Pa., which concerns all the local organizations of the S. S. C. E. in the State of Pennsylvania. The presidents of the local societies in that State will please note the announcement and act according to instruction. This is a matter of importance and should not be overlooked.

Brother Kimmel calls attention to an important matter touching our State Conference. If these meetings are to be made a success, it is absolutely necessary that the church in the state should be well represented. Let us have a good attendance, a representative from every local congregation in the State, and as Brother Kimmel says, you will find that it does pay to attend conference. Remember the date, June 8 to continue over Sabbath.

Yes, Brother Lyon, we heartily agree with the sentiment expressed in your communication. We thank you for the advice which is for all our readers. Trust that each one may profit by it. As to Doctor Dowie or the representative of his church who writes you to get on your knees and repent, please turn to first page of this paper and learn something about this braggadocio. Let us pray God to save us from the hands of this enemy of the cross.

Brother J. M. Bowman thinks we administered a soothing lotion to "Anxious Inquirer" a few weeks ago instead of pointing out to him the remedy, that which would effect a cure. Perhaps we mistook the nature of the disease. It may have been deeper seated than we supposed and a more radical treatment indicated. Our diagnosis of the case was not a success. Sometimes a patient does not like to be told what is the matter with him, and no doubt in this case we were a little too easy. Brother Bowman labels the case "sin," and offers the remedy. We trust the patient will take it and not murmur. A little of the "soothing" is in place after the remedy has been applied. Brother Bowman too is right when he says editors' sanctums have an abundance of this "lotion which soothes but never cures." A lotion is an application for the skin, something to be applied outwardly—an article very much needed in a place where each of several thousand people is ready to deal a blow when the opportunity affords. See, brother?

You must take possession of Christ for salvation; but, to win a crown, Christ must take possession of you.—H. W. Webb-Peploe.

Communion Notices

The Brethren of the College Corner church, Wabash Co., Ind., will hold their communion service on Monday evening, May 22. The usual invitation is extended.

WM. W. SUMMERS, Pastor.

The Brethren of the Salem congregation, Carroll Co., Ind., will hold communion service, Monday evening, May 29. All are invited.

WM. W. SUMMERS, Pastors.

The Brethren of the Ashland church will hold a communion service on Sunday evening, May 21. The services will begin promptly at 7 o'clock. The usual invitation is extended to our sister congregations.

J. ALLEN MILLER.

Meyersdale, Pa.

To the president of each local society of the S. S. C. E. of Pennsylvania:—Please instruct the secretary of your society to make a full and complete report of your work and membership during the last year, and see that it is brought or sent to the meeting of the State Society at Pittsburg, June 6, 1899. Note the increase of membership and the new successful line of work, so as to enable the state secretary to make a good report to the National Society when it meets. Elect earnest delegates and urge their attendance. Let us have a full representation at Pittsburg. In the meantime ask God to bless our labors.

LYDIA A. MCKINLEY, State Pres.

"Symbol and Nothing More"

Brother Wilt has struck the key note to a dangerous and damaging theory in the churches today. Some think and teach that because the major part of Christ's teaching was symbolic therefore they don't count. This is as erroneous in fact as it is vicious in logic. Jesus Christ might have systematized by lines geometrically, or by numbers arithmetically, had he chosen to represent merely ideas, instead of representing conditions of spirituality by literal realities. The figure of a figure is not interpretation, so the ordinances of God's house or rather the concomitant services of God's house are symbolical because they are literal. Three (3) is symbolical in scripture only because it is literal—the three persons of the trinity. Twelve is symbolical only because God gave Jacob 12 sons to become the head of 12 tribes. In studies in eschatology we are taught these truths and that 6 and 7 are symbolical only because God worked six days and rested on the seventh. Three dips in immersion is as essential to salvation and our getting into the *Elohim*, as the incarnation was essential to the Christ of our God. Foot washing too, is symbolical only because it is literal and must be performed as essential to sanctification, for Jesus found not dissolved dust in the basin, but dissolved bitterness of the disciples' hearts. Lord's Supper is symbolical because it is literal, conditions of spiritual benefits de-